HDTV does not serve the public interest at all. It only serves the media industry. The cost is high for both broadcast and reception. The technology that the FCC approved is peacemeal and incompatable with any other technology in the world. The whole point of radio/TV was to entertain and inform the public. The FCC used to require the radio and TV stations to do a certain amount of air time for the good of the community. HDTV does not and cannot meet that requirement. The general public cant afford \$1500-5000 for a single use device that cant fill the need when the current \$150 device does. The part about freeing up spectrum is a weak excuse to justify the FCC's bad decisions.